

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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COLLECTION OF TAX FROM DOMESTIC AIR PASSENGERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantity of tax collected from domestic air passengers in the country during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether the tax liability on passengers are likely to be reduced considering the increase in the number of passengers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) Government levies only Passenger Service Fee (PSF) and no other tax at the rate of Rs.200 per embarking passenger, from the domestic air passengers in the country. The collection of PSF from the domestic air passengers, by the Airports Authority of India, during the last three years (Rupees in crore), is as under: 2004-05 - 388.42, 2005-06 - 512.59 and 2006-07 - 444.79.

(b), (c) & (d): The rate of PSF has remained unchanged during the last three years. 70% of the fee is used for security related expenditure whereas 30% is towards facilitation charges. In view of this, presently, there is no proposal to reduce the rate of PSF.